

A method for providing a one-way communication among a selected group of telephones in a telephone system having a plurality of telephones, comprising the steps of:

Assigning a group number to each of said plurality of telephones, each telephone of said plurality being assigned its own station identification number;

Selecting a group number to a paging telephone selected from said plurality of telephones; and

~~Causing a one-way voice communication to be automatically set up through a voice channel of said telephone system to a group of telephones having said selected number, said voice channel being divided into data packet time slots, each time slot of said time slots respectively corresponding to an assigned station identification number of said each telephone so that said each telephone will only transmit data information at said time slot corresponding to the assigned identification number of said each telephone.~~

Change claim 3 so that it depends on claim 1.

Change claim 5 so that it depends on claim 4.

Cancel claim 10 without prejudice thereto.

11. (Amended) A multiline telephone system for providing a paging feature, comprising:

a first telephone for selecting a group of telephones in the system;

a half duplex channel in the system;

the first telephone initiating a voice message to the group of telephones using the half-duplex voice channel in response to a user request; and the group of telephone receive and play the voice message from the first telephone automatically regardless of user action and wherein any one of said group of telephones after hearing said voice message can initiate a two way conversation with the user of said first telephone.